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## May 2023

### Celebrate Pride Month by Empowering the LGBTQ+ Community in Dementia Care

June is Pride Month and the Alzheimer's Association is highlighting the importance of LGBTQ+ representation in Alzheimer's and dementia research and the significance of LGBTQ+ inclusion in care settings. These events aim to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for LGBTQ+ people affected by dementia and their caregivers.

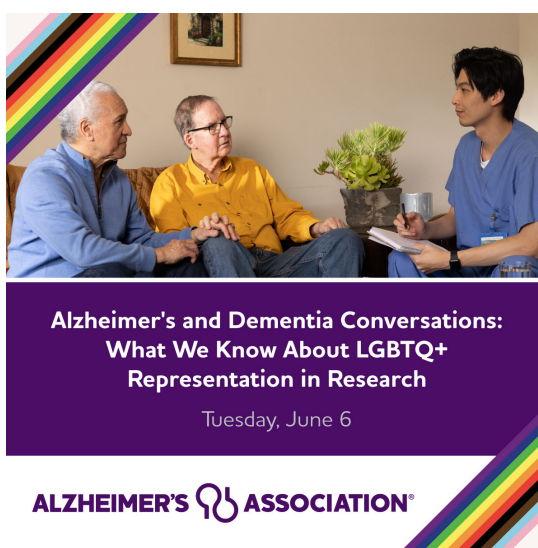


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### Alzheimer's and Dementia Conversations : What We Know About LGBTQ+ Representation in Research

**June 6 from 1 – 2 p.m. ET**

This free webinar will discuss the underrepresentation of LGBTQ+ spouses and partners in research studies about aging and Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Shana D. Stites, Assistant Professor from the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss current LGBTQ+ representation in Alzheimer's disease and aging research and the critical role of LGBTQ+ spouses' participation in advancing scientific knowledge and prevention efforts.



[Register Today](#)

### Community Conversations: How Dementia and Aging Professionals Can Create LGBTQ+ Inclusion

**June 15 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. ET**

This "Community Conversation," will provide valuable insights and practical ideas for professionals. A panel of experts will come together to share their expertise, strategies, and perspectives on creating inclusive community environments for LGBTQ+ individuals living with dementia. This webinar will help equip dementia and aging professionals with the tools needed to foster understanding and support for LGBTQ+ individuals living in care settings.

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### Issue Brief: LGBTQ+ and Dementia

Learn more about dementia in the LGBTQ+ community in this [issue brief](#). Developed jointly by [SAGE](#) and the Alzheimer's Association this brief sheds light on specific concerns of dementia and caregiving faced by the LGBTQ+ community. Learn about issues such as stigma, family composition, poverty, and social isolation.



### New Long Term Care Equality Index (LEI)

The [Human Rights Campaign](#) (HRC) Foundation, in collaboration with [SAGE](#), has recently launched an important initiative, the [Long Term Care Equality Index \(LEI\)](#). The LEI is aimed at promoting the adoption of LGBTQ+ inclusive policies within long-term care communities. To date, nearly 200 communities have pledged their commitment

### Road Map for Indian Country Interest Form

The [Road Map for Indian Country](#), a key resource for tribal nations, in addressing dementia, will be updated in the coming year. This strategic guide helps tribes and organizations working to address cognitive impairment and support caregivers of people living with dementia.

If you are interested in being involved in the update process, please complete this short, four question interest form.

[Interest Form](#)



## Leading Evidence

### "Alzheimer's Registries: Powerful Tools for Research and Public Health Data"

Alzheimer's disease-focused registries can provide comprehensive and accurate records of the disease and thus enable better planning for social and medical services, according to a recent [article](#) in *Frontiers in Aging*. Registries also help identify demographic differences in disease prevalence and foster research into risk factors for Alzheimer's disease.



Overall, the article concludes, Alzheimer's disease-focused registries offer a unique opportunity to conduct high-impact, scientifically rigorous research efficiently. With their potential to inform better planning for social and medical services, these registries are powerful tools for research and public health data.

## Webinars and Upcoming Events

### Healthy Brain Initiative Pre-Conference Workshop at GSA

**November 8 from 1 – 5 p.m. ET**

HBI is holding a pre-conference workshop at the Gerontological Society of America conference on Wednesday, November 8, from 1-5 p.m. ET *Engaging Diverse and Inclusive Audiences with the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map* will focus on the health equity aspects of the forthcoming fourth edition of the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map. The latest edition of the Road Map is scheduled to be released in summer 2023.

The workshop is free, but is limited to 50 participants. Register today!

[Learn More](#)

### Recording Now Available: Local Health Departments and Brain Health Action

A recording of the webinar *Local Health Departments and Brain Health Action* is now available. The webinar focused on successful brain health strategies implemented by local health departments, highlighting guidance from the Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map. Local health department officials shared valuable resources aimed at advancing public health efforts related to brain health within local communities.

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